

Step Pool , plaqn-bed and bedrock are the Montgomery and Buffington channel types found in the MC process group.



Step-pool shcematics



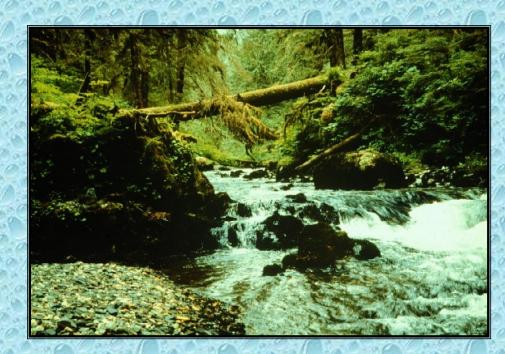
Plan-bed schematics

Moderate Gradient Contained Process Group

The MC channels are situated in middle to lower valley locations. These channel types are moderate gradient (2-6%) streams where sediment transport is primary. Stream flow is completely contained by adjacent valley wall landforms or bedrock upper banks. Riparian areas are limited to the stream bank influence zone, less than 30m (100ft). Bedforms are step-pool and bedrock control (Montgomery and Buffington, 1997). A bedrock channel bed with intermittent alluvial bed is common. Flow depth increased with increased flow volume as these are well contained channels with little to no lateral adjustment.

Stream Gradient - 2 to 6 % **Hydrologic Function: sediment transport (low retention)** Stream Class: I or II

Channel Type	Label	Former label
Small Moderate Gradient Contained	MCS	MC1
Medium Moderate Gradient Contained	MCM	MC2, MC3
Large Moderate Gradient Contained	MCL	LC2



MC process group morphology features: Step pool, small gravel deposit, steep valley sideslopes.

TNF Habitat Variables for the MC-LC Process Groups

Variable	Percentiles	MC_LC Groups	Variable	Percentiles	MC_LC Groups
	25	9.2		25	0.04
WD	50	14.5	RPD/CBW	50	0.07
	75	21.0		75	0.08
	25	0.20		25	38
TLWD/M 50	0.28	D50	50	88	
	75	0.42		75	158
	25	0.05		25	0.20
TKWD/M	TKWD/M 50 0.07 PLNGTH/M	PLNGTH/M	50	0.32	
	75	0.09		75	0.51
	25	30		25	4.2
POOLS/KM	50	50	REL_SUBMRG	50	8.1
	75	60		75	20.7
	25	2.2		25	0.48
POOL SPACE	50	3.7 POOL_SIZE	POOL_SIZE	50	0.72
	75	4.8		75	0.92

Management concern for:	MCS	MCM	MCL	
Large Wood	Low	Moderate	Low	
Sediment Retention	Low			
Stream Bank Stability	Low			
Sideslope Sensitivity	Low-High*		High	
Flood Plain Protection	N/A			
Culvert Fish Passage	Low			
* The MCSr and MCMr can have high sideslope sensitivity				

